## FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS/Cloture, motion to proceed

SUBJECT: Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill for FY 2000...S. 1234. Lott motion to close debate on the motion to proceed.

## **ACTION: CLOTURE MOTION REJECTED, 49-41**

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. 1234, the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000, will provide a total of \$12.74 billion in new budget authority for foreign aid programs, which is \$18.98 billion less than appropriated for FY 1999 (the large difference is due primarily to a one-time appropriation of \$17.86 billion that was made for International Monetary Programs last year) and is \$1.87 billion below the Administration's request of \$14.62 billion.

On June 24, 1999, Senator Lott sent to the desk, for himself and others, a motion to close debate on the motion to proceed. NOTE: A three-fifths majority (60) vote is required to close debate.

Democratic Senators began a filibuster of all legislation beginning on June 21, 1999. They indicated that they would oppose the consideration of all legislation, including all appropriations bills that must be passed to continue the operations of the Federal Government, until the Senate considered a bill regarding health insurance, without any limitations on the length of the debate and without any limitations on the number of amendments that could be offered. They began by stalling consideration of the Agriculture Appropriations Bill. They opposed cloture on the Agriculture Appropriations Bill, and they opposed even beginning consideration of the Transportation Appropriations Bill, the Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations Bill, and the Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill (see vote Nos. 184-187). After this vote, a unanimous consent agreement was reached that defined the terms under which health insurance legislation would be considered, beginning July 12, 1999 and concluding on July 15, 1999, and the filibuster ended.

For debate, see vote No. 181.

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